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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, February 19, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980176

To classify its National
411 Service as Competitive

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE AND HEARING

On November 20, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") filed a request that its proposed new National 411 Service to provide national directory assistance service be classified as competitive pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Bell Atlantic-Virginia Plan for Alternative Regulation ("Plan"). As required by that paragraph of the Plan, BA-VA notified the Attorney General and all certificated interexchange carriers.

On December 11, 1998, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T") filed its Petition To Intervene and Opposition. In response to AT&T's filed opposition, BA-VA filed on December 18, 1998, notice that it voluntarily delayed the effective date of its National 411 Service tariff from December 19, 1998, to January 19, 1999. On January 13, 1999, BA-VA filed its Answer to AT&T's Petition To Intervene and Opposition. Subsequently BA-VA delayed the effective dates further and the National 411 Service tariff became effective on February 2, 1999.

The Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed, and that BA-VA should furnish notice to all affected parties pursuant to § 56-235.5 E of the Code of the Virginia and Paragraph 4 of the Plan. Prior to convening a hearing, the Commission finds that all parties should be afforded the opportunity to prefile testimony that addresses not only the proposed competitive classification of the National 411 Service but also whether BA-VA should be required to incorporate into this service a price announcement with each call to its National 411 Service. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980176.

(2) A hearing to consider BA-VA's National 411 Service is scheduled for May 4, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom on the Second Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(3) BA-VA shall forthwith cause a copy of the following notice to be sent by first class mail to all affected parties, to include interexchange carriers and providers of competitive local exchange services,

NOTICE TO AFFECTED PARTIES THAT BELL
ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC. PROPOSES TO CLASSIFY
ITS NATIONAL 411 SERVICE
AS COMPETITIVE - CASE NO. PUC980176

On November 20, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") filed a request that its proposed National 411 Service to provide national directory assistance service be classified as competitive under Paragraph 4 of the Bell Atlantic Alternative Plan for Regulation ("Plan"). A hearing to consider the classification of this service as competitive and other rate design matters has been scheduled in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, May 4, 1999. BA-VA is to file any direct testimony and any exhibits it considers necessary to support its proposal on or before March 5, 1999.

On or before March 12, 1999, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a protestant, pursuant to SCC Rule 4:6 shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of protest as described in SCC Rule 5:16(a) with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below and serve a copy on Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s attorney, Walter F. Brundage, Jr., Esquire, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, P.O. Box 27241, Richmond, Virginia 23261.

Any protestant shall file on or before March 12, 1999, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a protest, together with direct testimony and exhibits, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at the address listed below and simultaneously serve a copy thereof upon the Company and upon any other protestant. The protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefore.

Any person wishing to submit written comments about the proposed classifications should direct those comments to Joel Peck, Clerk, Virginia State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23216, and refer to Case No. PUC980176. Such comments shall be filed before the hearing scheduled above.

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(4) On or before March 31, 1999, BA-VA shall file proof of the notice prescribed above together with a list of all the persons to whom the notice was mailed.

(5) On or before March 31, 1999, BA-VA shall file any direct testimony and exhibits it considers necessary, but, at a minimum, BA-VA must show that it has complied with Paragraph (12) of its Plan.

(6) On or before April 16, 1999, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a protestant shall file a notice of protest pursuant to Rule 4:6.

(7) On or before April 16, 1999, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest with Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, together with direct testimony and exhibits.

(8) On or before April 30, 1999, the Commission's Staff shall file any direct testimony and exhibits that it considers proper.

(9) Rebuttal testimony and exhibits concerning the prefiled direct testimony and exhibits of any participant will be received by the Commission ore tenus during the May 4, 1999, hearing.